



STATE OF ALABAMA

APPLICATION TO RENEW TRADEMARK, SERVICE MARK OR TRADE NAME IN ALABAMA

1. Applicant (see note below):		2. The Applicant is: [in State of _____ (for corporation, partnership, llc or llp)] () unincorporated () non-profit () corporation () limited liability company () partnership () individual () sole proprietor () limited liability partnership () other _____	
Street Address, City and County:		State:	Telephone:
		ZIP:	()
3. Description of Goods, Services or Business:		4. Mode or Manner in which the Mark is used in connection with the goods, services or business:	
5. REGISTRATION NO.: REGISTRATION DATE:	6. Classification (OLD)	7. Classification: (NEW)	8. This is a: <input type="checkbox"/> Trademark <input type="checkbox"/> Trade Name <input type="checkbox"/> Service mark
9. Attached hereto is one (1) specimen of the Mark. 10. Attached hereto is the filing fee of \$30.00 (thirty dollars) payable to the Secretary of State. 11. Applicant hereby verifies that the Mark is still in use in this State and has not been abandoned.			
NOTE: If renewal applicant is different from original applicant due to the lawful transfer of Mark, a statement of assignment pursuant to §8-12-11, Code of Alabama, 1975, must be filed in this office prior to renewal. If applicant is different due to legal name change, please attach evidence of such filing.			
Name and Title _____		Signature _____	
COUNTY OF _____		STATE OF _____	
I, _____, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am the renewal applicant herein, or a member of the firm or an officer of the corporation or association applying, that I have the authority to make this affidavit and verification and that I have read the above foregoing application and know the contents thereof, and that the facts set out therein are true. I further depose and say that the specimen or facsimile filed herewith is true and correct.			
Signature _____			
Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the _____ day of _____, _____.			
Notary Public's Signature _____			
My Commission expires: _____			



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SPECIMEN/FACSIMILE GUIDELINES FOR REGISTERING OR RENEWING TRADEMARK OR SERVICE MARK IN ALABAMA

§8-12-8(c) of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as last amended requires the furnishing of three (3) specimens of the mark for which registration is sought or one (1) specimen of the mark for which renewal is sought.

The purpose of this requirement is to verify usage of the mark and to show how the mark is used in commerce.

As part of the registration/renewal process, a copy of the specimen is attached to the registration/renewal certificate. Because of this procedure, it is imperative that the quality of the specimen be exceptional.

During the course of a mark's registered existence, it may be necessary to furnish copies of the registration certificate. If the quality of the original specimen is less than adequate, reproduction of the certificate/specimen will cause the details to break down even further.

In numerous cases, mark specimens have been submitted which have background colors, or the mark itself is of a particular color. Many colors will not reproduce on conventional copy machines. Blues and reds do not copy clearly, leaving edges indistinct and detracting from the mark. For example, if a colored block or other shape is used as a background for black print, then upon reproduction, in most cases, the printed words disappear into the background.

Specimens made of a metallic substance (ex., candy wrappers, metal identification plates) will not produce at all, as the copy machine merely reflects off the mirror-like surfaces.

Before you submit your registration/renewal application and specimens, examine your specimens for clarity. If you have any doubt as to whether or not a specimen is acceptable, make a copy of it. If the mark does not reproduce well, select another example of its use until you find one that produces a **clear and distinct copy**. An ideal specimen (for reproduction purposes) is the black & white "camera-ready art" or PMT. AT LEAST ONE ORIGINAL SPECIMEN SHOULD ACCOMPANY YOUR APPLICATION.

This office will return mark registration/renewal applications based upon unacceptable specimens.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at P.O. Box 5616, Montgomery, AL 36103-5616 or 334-242-5325.